

## School.

All students desiring instruction in manual training, commercial branches, German, and mathematics will please meet at the high school Monday evening, November 16, at 7 o'clock.

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75 prs Men's fine shoes, including patent leather, gun metal, and vici. All good styles, also good assortment of work shoes, values from 2.50 to \$5. Sat. Sale **\$2.00**

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Please remember the above prices are for one day only, and that day is this week Saturday, November 14. Not a pair can be bought at these prices before or after Saturday.

You can well afford to buy these shoes at these prices whether they fit or not, for you can afford to give them to your neighbor or easily resell them at a profit.

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## The Alma Record

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### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Alma, Mich., Nov. 4, 1914.

An adjourned regular meeting of the common council of the city of Alma was held in the council rooms on the above date. The council was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook. Present: Alds. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn. There being a quorum present the council was declared to be in session. The journal of the preceding session was read and approved. On the motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Willard, that the petition relative to moving the arc light at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Mechanic St. be received and placed on file. Motion carried. On motion of Ald. Ogden, supported by Ald. Ward that ordinance No. 84 relative to burning rubbish on pavement be approved and accepted, which vote was as follows: Yeas, Alds. McConkey, Willard, Ogden, Ward and Kehn.

On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Ogden, that the claim of J. T. White be referred to the committee on claims. Motion carried. On motion of Ald. Ward, supported by Ald. Kehn, that the following claim be allowed at footing, and the clerk be instructed to issue orders for the same, which vote was as follows: Yeas, Alds. McConkey, Willard, Ward, Ogden, and Kehn.

**General Fund.**  
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., light .....\$213.55  
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., city hall ..... 9.06  
Alma Grain & Lumber Co., park ..... 5.22  
Lee Lybolt, bill ..... 6.85  
Luchini Bros., bill ..... 1.00  
Alma Record Co., printing ..... 32.90  
C. A. Ogle & Son, bill ..... .80  
Otto Sanderhoff, bill ..... 42.07  
**BRIDGE AVE. SEWER.**

Ray Amon ..... 3.40  
Otis Bonchard ..... 3.00  
Chas. Morgan ..... 27.63  
Wm. Johnson ..... 10.00  
E. Groves ..... 28.75  
Wm. Sanborn ..... 23.00  
W. D. Walker ..... 7.00  
M. E. Mapes ..... 6.00  
Joe Ray ..... 22.70  
Wm. Clark ..... 1.80  
Milton Dallas ..... 4.00  
Peter Bailey ..... 8.00  
Mike Mequala ..... 8.00  
H. J. Voller ..... 8.75  
W. E. Fowler ..... .80  
Chas. Corbett ..... 11.00  
August Arndt ..... 2.00

J. E. Fuller, registration and election ..... 5.00  
D. L. Sharrar, registration and election ..... 2.00  
Isaac Russell, registration and election ..... 5.00  
Geo. Willard, registration and election ..... 2.00  
F. E. West, registration and election ..... 2.00

**RECORD—THREE—**  
Will. Beverley, registration and election ..... 2.00  
R. J. Fraker, registration and election ..... 5.00  
Harry Jackson, registration & election ..... 2.00

John H. Parrish, election ..... 3.00  
Frank McConkey, election ..... 3.00  
E. N. Chadwick, election ..... 3.00  
L. B. Jackson, election ..... 2.00  
W. W. Rollin, election ..... 2.00  
H. L. Holmes, election ..... 3.00  
W. B. Strong, election ..... 3.00  
Will Strong, election ..... 2.00  
J. E. Barrett, election ..... 2.00  
Peter Voorhees, election ..... 3.00  
John D. Sullivan, election ..... 3.00  
James G. Kress, election ..... 3.00  
Will Amsbury, election ..... 3.00  
J. J. Barton, election ..... 3.00  
Ed. Adams, election ..... 2.00  
Joe Sartor, Sr., election ..... 2.00  
P. M. Smith, election ..... 3.00  
Milton Jackson, election ..... 3.00  
Will Rogers, election ..... 3.00  
L. Kehn, election ..... 2.00  
P. C. Johnson, election ..... 2.00

Ladies' Civic League, 2 days' rent ..... 10.00  
Geo. W. Pufry, 2 days' rent ..... 10.00  
H. N. Allen, 2 days' rent ..... 10.00

### Highway Fund.

McDermott & Cooper, bal. on contract .....\$1074.55  
American Gas. Co., brick ..... 6.40  
Abe Eckert, labor ..... 25.00  
Otis Wilbor, labor ..... 49.00  
Marshall Dallas, labor ..... 1.00  
G. C. Titus, labor ..... 2.00  
Isaac Russell, labor ..... 1.00

### Water Fund.

Alma Grain and Lumber Co., motor ..... 237.99  
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., bill ..... 42.75  
F. L. Barnes, bill ..... 2.92  
Geo. Duncan, bill ..... 4.12  
August Arndt, labor ..... 16.00  
Chas. Burns, labor ..... 11.60  
Milton Dallas, labor ..... 16.00  
John Smith, labor ..... 11.00  
C. Mink, labor ..... 16.00  
H. J. Voller, labor ..... 21.25

On motion of Ald. Kehn, supported by Ald. Willard, the council adjourned.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.

ALBERT P. COOK, Mayor.

### AN OVERSIGHT.

Due to an oversight on our part the Record box in the post office has not been opened recently. We fully appreciate any signed items which may be dropped into the box, and will hereafter see that the matter is looked after.

## Sumner News Items

Melvin Tucker was at Elwell last week.

V. D. Stoffa and wife spent Monday afternoon in Elwell.

Mrs. C. A. Button made a business trip to Edmore last Tuesday.

F. J. Tucker and F. E. McClenethan were Crystal business callers Friday. Mrs. Anna Graham and Ruth Graham did shopping in Saginaw Saturday.

Sine Rexford and family of Marion are visiting his brother, Dave, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Button have purchased a home in Alma on River street.

Clarence Sherwood of McBride, who is moving to New Haven, called on I. F. Tucker Friday.

Cene Hammontree of Crystal spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammontree.

George Peterman of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days last week with his brother-in-law, George Gee.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Button and Mrs. James McGreanor visited relatives in Lansing and Monroe last week.

The M. W. A.'s initiated F. E. McClenethan into the mysteries of woodcraft Thursday night, also entertained and served supper to the New Haven and Riverdale camps. "If late hours" are any sign of a jolly good time, the "Sumner Camp" has them all beat.

### FULLY APPRECIATED.

I desire to express to the people of Gratiot county who so loyally supported my candidacy for the office of sheriff, my fullest appreciation. In the selection of my deputies I will use the utmost care to appoint those whom I believe will serve best the interests of the people at large.

With the co-operation of the citizens of the county I will give a good, clean, business administration.

N. W. BRADFORD.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives who have been so kind to us in our bereavement. We also wish to thank the minister and the ladies who assisted with the music.

MRS. MARTIN POLLASKY AND FAMILY.

### VALUE OF SWALLOWS AS INSECT DESTROYERS

By H. W. Henshaw, Chief of Bureau of Biological Survey.

This article has a two-fold purpose: First, to make known the great value of swallows as insect destroyers and to emphasize the importance of protecting them wherever found; second, to widely publish the peculiar value of these birds in the war now being waged in the South against the cotton boll weevil, and to ask for the co-operation of citizens of Northern states, where these birds chiefly nest, in an effort to increase their numbers.

That insect-eating birds are of immense value to the farmer and the forester is so well known that their protection is now believed to be absolutely necessary to the welfare of any country. But the value of certain kinds in the United States has been recently emphasized through the invasion of the cotton states by a new and destructive insect—the boll weevil. This new pest, despite every effort to stay its march, is spreading at the rate of about 50 miles a year, and sooner or later is certain to infest the entire cotton-producing area—a fact which not only seriously concerns the southern planter, but in its ultimate consequences affects the well-being of the whole country.

Birds are among the natural enemies of the weevil, but by themselves are quite inadequate to the task of controlling the ravages of the pest. The losses it inflicts are of such magnitude, however, that no aid can be safely neglected, especially when so important as the services rendered by birds. As the result of investigations by the Biological Survey, thirty-eight species of birds are now known to feed upon the weevil. Prominent among these are the several species of swallows, including the purple martin.

The martin, the barn swallow, the bank swallow, the cliff swallow, and the rough-wing breed—some of them only sparingly—in Texas and elsewhere in the South. They breed also in the North, but the tree swallow and the cliff swallow—very important members of the group—appear in the South, the former during spring and fall migration only.

Steps have been taken to acquaint the farmers and other residents of Texas and the remaining cotton-producing states of the importance of increasing the numbers of the local species and of extending the range of certain species in the cotton districts. This may be done by strictly enforcing the laws protecting swallows and by providing additional accommodations for nesting. These steps alone, however, are not sufficient. It is very important also that all of the swallow tribe nesting in the Northern States and migrating through the cotton belt be increased to the limit, more particularly since in late years a steady diminution of their numbers has been noted.

By H. M. McCURDY,  
Professor of Biology in Alma College.

### ORDINANCE NO. 84.

The City of Alma Ordains:  
SECTION 1. No person shall kindle any fire or furnish the materials for any fire, or in any way authorize any fire to be made or kindled upon any pavement, walk, or cross-walk, in any of the streets or alleys within the City of Alma.

SECTION 2. The violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$5.00, and in the imposition of any fine the court may make a further sentence that in the default of the payment, the offender be imprisoned in the County jail of Gratiot County, or City jail of said City, until such payment, but not exceeding the term of five (5) days.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, City of Alma.

We, the undersigned, Mayor and City Clerk, of the said City of Alma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance known as Ordinance No. 84, was duly adopted by this common council of the said City of Alma at a session of said council held at the council rooms in said city on Wednesday, the Fourth day of November, A. D. 1914.

D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk.  
ALBERT P. COOK, Mayor.



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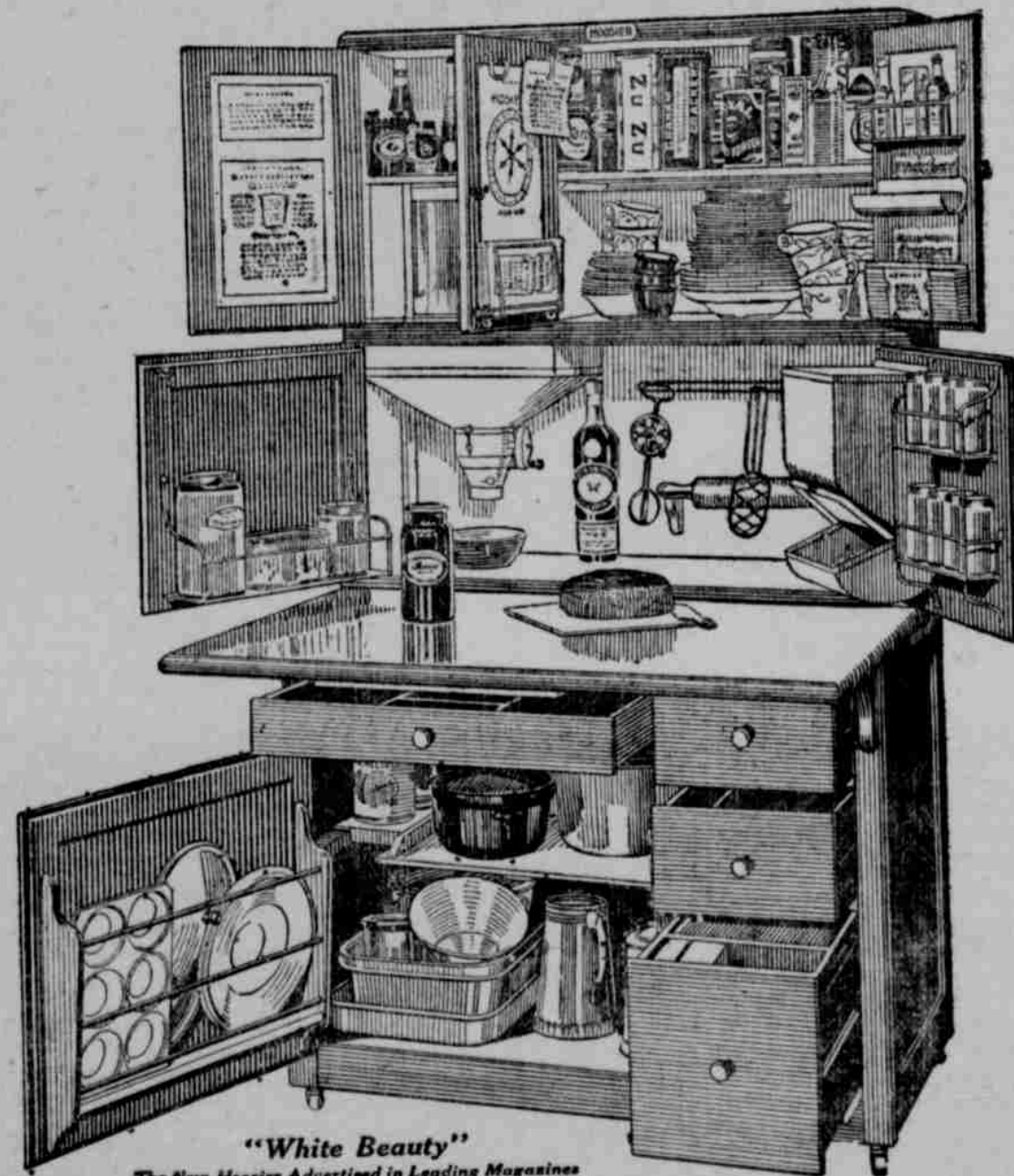
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